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CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa
Conference Rooms 1 & 2**

May 13, 2015

- Present:** Tom Ferguson, Chair; Mardi Allen; Trisha Barto; Jerry Bartruff; Kim Cheeks; Mary Kovacevich; Michelle Leonard; Hon. Jeffrey Neary; Kurt Swaim; Tony Thompson; Tom Walton; Dale Woolery
- Absent:** Hon. Romonda Belcher; DeAnn Decker; John Hodges; Mary Ingham; Amber Markham; Sherri Soich; John Spinks
- Staff:** Steve Michael; Cheryl Davidson; Sarah Johnson; Julie Rinker; Lanette Watson
- Others:** Cathy Engle; JoAnn Finkenbinder; Beth Lenstra; Marty Ryan

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Tom Ferguson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum was present. Ferguson welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

II. Approval of Minutes—November 19, 2014

Kurt Swaim moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting, seconded by Tom Walton. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Division Update

Steve Michael provided the Division update:

- Kile Beisner was promoted to research coordinator
- Keith Kreiman, CJIS Coordinator, is retiring. The hiring process has started.
- CJJP Budget—The House and Senate versions are status quo.
- Funding to sustain the Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI) beyond September 30, 2015, has not been added to the budget. Information has been submitted to the Joint Justice Systems Appropriations Subcommittee members. CJJP is looking for options to continue the project and expand to other districts.
- Current JJRRI efforts include program effectiveness evaluations with the SPEP

tool (Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol) and the development of a dispositional matrix for use by judges in placing youth in low, medium, or high-risk programs or alternatives to detention. The demonstration project is in the 1st, 3rd, and 6th Judicial Districts. Evaluation information is shared individually with providers regarding any program improvement needed.

- Work continues on correctional impact statements.
- CJJP has partnered with other agencies regarding underage drinking and suicide prevention.
- CJJP is conducting evaluations for the Office of Drug Control Policy and the Department of Corrections related to a three-year adult reentry project.
- The Enhanced Drug Court evaluation is wrapping up.
- The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) grant will incorporate technological enhancements with the Department of Public Safety to collect UCR data.
- Michael distributed information regarding a national forum on criminal justice in Atlanta, Georgia.

IV. Review of 2015 Legislation

Sarah Johnson reviewed legislative changes that have components of issues of interest to the Council. She asked members to review the 2014 legislative monitoring report.

The following topics were discussed. Further consideration will be given at the September meeting.

- Synthetic drugs
- Aggravated Theft
- Residential Treatment Backlog
- 70% Crimes
- Enhanced penalty for Domestic abuse assault involving strangulation
- Changes to the purchase or possession child pornography
- DNA hits
- Interference with official acts
- Probation revocations by judicial district by race
- Elder abuse
- Coach-student sex
- Human Trafficking
- Lifetime Sentencing of Juveniles—number of juveniles; existing cases, sentences going forward; consistency
- Synthetic drugs/reductions in penalty for marijuana possession

V. Identification of Issues for Correctional Policy Project

Ferguson noted that in the past, the Prison Population Forecast has substituted for the Correctional Policy Project. Michael asked if other work should be done in addition to the Prison Population Forecast.

Jerry Bartruff suggested the report include certain details of the Second Chance Grant evaluation related to program effectiveness and use of resources. There was

consensus to include this information and summaries of the work performed as an addendum.

VI. Juvenile Justice DMC – CASP Recommendations

Dave Kuker, CJJP, distributed copies of the CASP Report (Community and Strategic Plan) and summary of the recommendations. The report focuses on overrepresentation of minorities in the juvenile justice system and a plan to reduce it.

The plan includes a variety of stakeholders: law enforcement, schools, juvenile court, community leaders, NAACP, and others. The report highlights efforts in Black Hawk, and Woodbury, counties regarding dramatic reductions in the use of detention. Pre-arrest diversion efforts in Linn and Johnson counties are also detailed. Discussions to implement changes at the state level have been held with several department heads. Local meetings are being planned for Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

The report contains a variety of arrest and school discipline referral data. A Detention Screening Tool (DST) has been automated allowing an electronic application from the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS) to calculate a score. The DST has been piloted in Woodbury County and will eventually be implemented statewide. The tool is an attempt to standardize detention decision making and will seek to engage staff to review data relative to such decisions. A progress report is due in August, 2016, to the Chief Justice, Legislature, and state agency heads.

VII. Additional Issues for Next Meeting

None

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Judge Jeffrey Neary moved to adjourn, seconded by Sheriff Tony Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rinker
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